M. L. Cs. not attending to the duties of Membership.

78. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) a list of members of the Legislative Council who have not attended to the duties of the membership for a period of 4 consecutive months; and

(2) what action have been taken by the Government under Rule 22 (2) of the Legislative Council Election Rules?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) M. R. Ry., Rao Bahadur P. I. Varugis Avl., and Mr. S. S. Koder.

(2) The matter was brought to their notice, and it is understood that they will attend the next meeting of the Council. If they do not attend, further action will be taken.

Representation for responsible Government.

79. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether after the inauguration of the Legislative Council the Government did not receive representations and resolutions requesting to introduce Responsible Government;

(b) when and from whom they have been received;

(c) what action has been taken by the Government in the matter;

(d) whether the Diwan President had stated in the Legislative Council that the question of introducing further reforms was receiving the attention of the Government;

(e) whether the Diwan has already submitted to His Highness the Maharaja any scheme of reforms?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) 1. From Members of the Legislative Council on 3rd August 1926.

2. From other persons referred to in the answer to question No. 314 of the Legislative Session of 1104 on the dates mentioned therein.

(c) It is still engaging the attention of the Darbar.

(d) Yes.

(e) The correspondence between the Diwan and His Highness the Maharaja is confidential and cannot be disclosed.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How long has it been engaging the attention of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Ever since 1926.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How many years more is required in the opinion of the Government?

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